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Found bones identified

Discovered human remains identified as missing man Steven Kandarian

Riverside, CA -- Skeletal human remains discovered Saturday, March 29, 2008, in a remote area of northeast Riverside have been positively identified as those of Steven Kandarian, an adult with the mental capacity of an eight-year-old, who wandered away from his caretaker late last year.

Kandarian, 30, was a resident of a Riverside care home prior to his disappearance. He went missing from Riverside's Chicago Ave. Post Office on the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007. Kandarian walked away from a caregiver's car while the caregiver was in the post office for a few moments. RPD patrol officers did extensive searches and distributed a flyer that day and night, and regional media helped publicize the man's situation and description. The extensive outreach effort generated no reported leads or sightings.

Human remains were discovered Saturday afternoon by paint ball players in a hilly area south of Mount Vernon Avenue and Watkins Drive.

The Riverside County Coroner positively identified the remains as those of Kandarian, and next of kin have been notified.

Investigation continues. Anyone with information helpful to this case is asked to contact Riverside Police Detective Steve Shumway at (951) 353-7138 or Detective Rick Wheeler at (951) 353-7134.

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